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Title: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM
FOR PROVIDING QUALITY OF
SERVICE IN IP TELEPHONY

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RESPONSE TO THE EXAMINER'S OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated 12/31/02, designated as Paper No. 15 in the above-captioned application, please enter the following Remarks as follows:

Remarks

In view of the following remarks, favorable reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested. Claims 1-24 remain in this application.

1. § 102 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 5-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,366,578 to Johnson. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection because the Examiner has failed to make a prima facie case of anticipation because the Examiner has failed to point out where each element, as set forth in the claims, is inherently or expressly described in the cited reference.

Claim 5 is directed to a method for providing quality of service in an IP telephony session between a calling party and a called party. The method includes the steps of assigning a temporary IP proxy address to the called party at a first access control manager. A temporary IP proxy address is assigned to the calling party at a second access control